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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7422

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 0635

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC ES (ROMERO-MENA, CARLOS HUMBERTO)

SUBJ: OEXC I.V. NOMINEE CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO-MENA, MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE.

REF: A-8585

FOR CU/ARA

1. NAME: ARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO-MENA TITLE: COLONEL

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: PRESENT - MINISTER OF DEFENSE

PAST - 71/72 CHIEF, PRESIDENT'S STAFF: 68/70 CO, CAV. REGIMENT;  
62/65 ASST. MIL ATTACHE MEXICO.

3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1928, EL SALVADOR

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: SALVADORAN SEX: MALE MARRIED

CHILDREN: TWO BOYS AND TWO GIRLS

ADDRESS: AV. MARTI 115, COL. LIBERTAD; SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR.

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: SRA. GLORIA GUERRERO DE ROMERO  
SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE, WIFE.

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: 1973, 10 DAYS TO ISRAEL, INVITED BY GOVERNMENT

1973, 7 DAYS TO TAIWAN, INVITED BY GOVERNMENT 1662/1965, MILITARY  
ATTACHE'S ASST IN MEXICO

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: NONE

6. ESCORT INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED.

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7. THE NOMINEE HAS VISA ELIGIBILITY.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: THE PRESIDENCY OF EL SALVADOR IS SCHEDULED FOR CHANGE IN 1977. COL. ROMERO WILL PROBABLY HAVE AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN DETERMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S CANDIDATE. THE MINISTER, WHO IS A HIGHLY RESPECTED OFFICER IN THE ARMED FORCES AND IS VERY CLOSE TO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, HAS ALSO SPECULATIVELY BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE CONTENDER FOR THE CANDIDACY.

9. POST OBJECTIVES: THE NOMINEE HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES. HE NEEDS A GREATER APPRECIATION OF HOW THE US GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY FUNCTION TO ENHANCE HIS ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND CORRECTLY INTERPRET OUR INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS.

10. COL. ROMERO CAN TRAVEL THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK IN APRIL 1975, FOR NO LONGER THAN 21 DAYS. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT HE CAN TRAVEL, IF APPROVED, FOR NO LESS THAN 21 DAYS.  
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